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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, our loving, forgiving Lord of new beginnings, we listen intently to Your assurance spoken through Jeremiah, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with loving kindness I have drawn you."—Jeremiah 31:3.

We begin this day with these amazing words sounding in our souls. Can they be true? You judge our sins and forgive us. Your grace is indefatigable. It is magnetic; it draws us out of remorse or recrimination into reconciliation. You draw us to Yourself and we receive healing and hope.

Now we are ready to live life to the fullest. We are secure in You and therefore can work with freedom and joy. We know Your commandments are as irrevocable as Your love is irresistible. We have the strength to live Your absolutes for abundant life. We accept Elijah's challenge, "Choose this day whom You will serve," and Jesus' mandate, "Set your mind on God's kingdom before everything else!"—Matt 6:33; NEV. In His powerful name. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT of Mississippi is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this morning as previously ordered the Senate will resume debate on the cloture motion on the motion to proceed to S. 1601, the cloning bill, with the time until 10 a.m. equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

Also, as previously ordered, at 10 a.m. a rollcall vote will occur on the

cloture motion on the motion to proceed to S. 1601. If cloture is invoked, the Senate will debate the motion to proceed to the cloning bill. If cloture is not invoked, the Senate can be expected to resume debate on the Massiah-Jackson nomination and then, at approximately 4 p.m. today, the Senate can be expected to begin debate on the nomination of Margaret Morrow, of California, to be U.S. district judge.

I want to emphasize that even though we are going back to debate on Massiah-Jackson, that does not mean we will stay on that nomination all the way until 4 o'clock. We will probably have some announcement later on this morning about that matter, and how we would expect to handle it. Additional votes can be expected to occur during today's session of the Senate.

As a reminder to all Senators, at 10 a.m. this morning a vote will occur on the cloture motion and we probably will have a vote late this afternoon on the Morrow nomination. It appears at this time that would occur probably around 6 o'clock, even though we have not advised everybody that that is our intent, or gotten an absolute commitment, but I believe there will probably be a vote about 6 o'clock on the Morrow nomination.

I yield the floor.

Mr. CRAIG addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ALLARD). Who yields time?

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed for a very brief time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, is so ordered.

PICABO STREET

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I thank my colleagues for yielding but a brief moment for the Senate to recognize something that went on last night nearly halfway around the world while all of us slept. A marvelous young lady

from Idaho, and a superb athlete, won the gold medal, one of our first gold medals in this Olympics in Nagano, Japan. Picabo Street, from the Sun Valley area of Idaho, who was a silver medalist in the 1994 Olympics, brought home the gold.

I think all of us are extremely proud this morning of our country and our athletes, and this fine woman athlete, Picabo Street, who some months ago had major knee surgery, while she was at the World Cup had a major accident, but with tremendous guts and tenacity and ability she is now one of our gold medalists and we are all proud.

I yield the floor.

HUMAN CLONING PROHIBITION ACT—MOTION TO PROCEED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who seeks the floor? Who yields time? The Senator from California.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, it is my understanding that I have 15 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The time between now and 10 o'clock is evenly divided.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, it is my intention to open the debate, then yield to Senator MACK, then Senator THURMOND, and then Senator KENNEDY for the remainder of my time.

Mr. President, I urge the Members of this distinguished body to vote no on cloture. I do so because I believe that by voting for cloture today we could do enormous harm.

The technique involved here, somatic cell nuclear transfer, creates what are called stem cells, which can be used for creation of tissue which has the same DNA as the person whose tissue it is. Therefore they are used as important adjuncts in cancer research; they offer

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